

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph of specification page 8 with the following replacement paragraph, incorporating the changes set forth herein:

— A preferred embodiment of the present invention utilizes a sliding tray and docking station design, such as that described in commonly-owned United States Patent Application Serial No.: ~~(Atty. Docket No.: 104195-0011)~~ 10/783,961, filed on even date herewith by DeCesare for an IMPROVED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SWITCH/SERVER, which is presently incorporated herein by reference, and is represented in Figure 2B. The docking station 74 may be physically mounted to a rack or cabinet (not shown), and contains only the passive components of the telecom switch 42, such as the passive I/O board 46, and therefore has a very low probability of failure. Because of this, the docking station 74 may be considered to be a non-field replaceable unit (FRU), and it may be permanently mounted in the cabinet. The sliding tray 76, on the other hand, contains all the active components of the telecom switch 42 such as the processing board 44, and is intended to be easily replaced as an FRU in accordance with the features of the present invention. Also, there may be no need to power down the system while changing the processing boards 44 or 66, making them “hot swappable.” —